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MEETING OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE JAPANESE
RESIDENTS CORPORATION

At noon yesterday the Education Committee of the Japanese Residents Corporation held a meeting in the assembly hall of the Corporation. Questions regarding the annual promotion of teachers of the Japanese schools and the engagement of 3 additional teachers for primary schools and 6 for middle schools were discussed.

NEWLY APPOINTED JAPANESE CONSULAR POLICE OFFICERS
VISIT VARIOUS CIRCLES

Yesterday Mr. Ueda, newly appointed chief of the Japanese Consular Police, and Mr. Aoyanagi, newly appointed officer in charge of the 2nd Section of the Police, paid visits to various circles for the purpose of making known their appointments.

KOREAN ARRESTED IN TIENTSIN BROUGHT TO SHANGHAI

Acting on the instruction of the Shanghai Japanese Consular Police, the Consular Police at Tientsin arrested a Korean named Myung Suk Won, age 28, on a charge of fraud and brought him here on February 11 on the S.S. Hosen Maru.

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Subject: Political Affairs
Petition of the Japanese community against the Japanese
Consul-General.

Made by S. S. Umemoto.

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A law governing the Shanghai Japanese Residents' Corporation was promulgated by the Japanese Government in 1905 and by virtue of this decree, an order was issued in 1907 by the then Foreign Minister approving the establishment of the local Japanese Residents' Corporation which was authorized to function in the International Settlement, in the French Concession and in Chinese controlled territory, including Pootung, within a two mile area from the boundaries of the International Settlement and the French Concession. Rules for the enforcement of the Corporation Law were put into effect in the following year and were subsequently revised as occasion arose.

The Corporation comprises 60 members bi-annually elected by Japanese ratepayers; this number, however, will be decreased to 40 persons at the forthcoming polls on February 23 and 24, 1935 in accordance with stipulations contained in the revised regulations governing the functions of the Corporation enforced in December 1934.

With the object of promoting the welfare of the Japanese community, the following enterprises are at present being undertaken by the Corporation:-

- 1) Education of Japanese children: For this purpose, four primary schools, a commercial school for boys, a high school for girls and a night school for training in business procedure are being operated.
- 2) Medical Treatment
- 3) Cemetery and Crematorium
- 4) Relief work for destitutes
- 5) Loans to merchants: With a view to alleviating trade

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depression existing in a part in a part of the Japanese community, a loan of three million yen has been made from the Japanese Government.

1. Local Affairs: The Japanese Corporation of the Corporation it has been authorized to levy income, land and business taxes on Japanese residents.

In order to deliberate on matters affecting Japanese interests and to maintain co-operation with the various local authorities and public utility companies, a Negotiation Committee of seven members was appointed in 1933. Mr. F. Ikeda is the Chairman. During their deliberations on matters relating to the Municipal Administration, the Corporation has submitted during the last few years various petitions and proposals to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Recent activities in this connection are as follows:-

- 1) Negotiations with the Shanghai Municipal Council concerning the issue of an educational grant.
- 2) Proposals to the Municipal Council for an increase in the number of Japanese employees.
- 3) Negotiations with the Shanghai Telephone Co. concerning the increase in telephone charges.

As the Corporation functions under the supervision of the local Japanese authorities its attitude towards local affairs may be said to be in favour of the policy adopted by the Consul-General.

The Shanghai Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions was organized in 1925 with the object of promoting the welfare of the members of street unions and of maintaining closer communications so that assistance and protection might

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There are a large number of street unions in the international settlement and in the other parts of the city. Most of these street unions exist in the French Concession and in the Japanese Concession. They are of three classes: the upper, middle and lower. They are called "Shanghai-landers" and their interests are represented on the Japanese Residents' Corporation of 10 members.

Matters affecting their interests are discussed by the Standing Committee of the Association. The Association members are not allowed to cope with any emergency situation which from time to time arises.

The Association was formerly engaged in negotiating with various authorities in presenting opinions expressed by members of street unions but following a verbal warning issued to members of the Standing Committee by Mr. Ishii, Japanese Consul-General, it has discontinued such activities.

Matters at present calling the attention of the association are as follows:-

1) Increase in telephone charges

Regarding this matter a resolution was passed at a meeting of the Northern Branch of the Association to protest against the increase. A meeting was recently held at the Japanese Club between the representatives of the Telephone Co., the Residents' Corporation and this association. No decision was reached.

2) Outside Roads Question

Proposals were submitted to the Japanese Consul-General who was also requested to act in conformity with the wishes

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of the Japanese residents in the settlement of the question of the Outside Roads Area.

The Japanese Residents' Corporation and the Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions represent different interests. The attitude of these bodies towards local affairs consequently differ and are often divergently opposed. However, there seems to be no danger of these differences giving rise to serious enmity or preventing co-operation in matters of mutual interest. Differences are not so likely to become intense in the future as in the past. Mr. Yasui, who will probably be the new paid-chairman of the Japanese Residents' Corporation, is a man of cool disposition and sound judgment. Mr. Amano, the present Chairman of the Amalgamated Association of Street Unions, is a man of a conciliatory nature.

M. J. Mennels

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Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

Commissioner of Police,

Sir,

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POLICE FORCE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, January 31 1935

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The report on the Agitation
Among the Japanese Community against
the Japanese Consul-General should be
abridged and clarified. The former
and present status of the Japanese
Street Unions and the Japanese Resi-
dents Corporation, ^{and} the respective
attitude of each of these bodies
towards local political affairs
should be made clear. Have the Japan-
ese Street Unions been superseded by
the Japanese Residents Corporation?

S. S. Umemoto
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SECRET
REPORT

Special Branch Station,
Date January 10, 1935.

Subject: Attitude among the Japanese community against the Japanese Consul-General.

Made by Mr. S. Uno, etc. Forwarded by S. B. Koo, etc.

In accordance with the instructions of the Commissioner, Special Branch, on the attached extract from the Shanghai Police dated January 10, 1935, on the subject of attitude among the local Japanese community against Mr. Ishii, Japanese Consul-General, I have to state that no threatening attitude has been adopted by the Japanese community against the Consul-General in protest against his adoption of alleged weak policy towards the Chinese authorities and the Shanghai Municipal Council on the outside roads question.

Regarding the threatening letter which is reported to have been sent to the Consul-General, the Japanese Consular Police deny that any such mission was received and as no protection has been provided to this official the information can be regarded as groundless.

In view of the fact that the outside roads question is being dealt with by the Consul-General in consultation with the local Japanese Naval Authorities who are responsible for the defence of the area under negotiation, it is hardly believable that Lieutenant-Colonel Kagesa, who holds the post of Senior Adjutant to the Military Attache to the Japanese Legation in China, should interfere in any way with the work of other officials over local affairs and to support a movement which is alleged to be carried out by disgruntled members of the Japanese Street Unions against the Consul-General.

Prior to the assumption of office by Mr. Ishii in 1933, the local Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions, of which Mr. Y. Hayashi was the Chairman, had been functioning on behalf of the Japanese residents and in representing the opinions of the Japanese community had been submitting petitions

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to protests etc. to the various local authorities.
The on the part of the Association was regarded by Mr.
Ishii as a liability. Consequently, committee
members of the Association were warned by him to refrain from
doing such work which could be, in future, undertaken by the
local Japanese residents' corporation, a semi-official
organization functioning under the supervision of the Consul-
General.

The measures adopted by the Consul-General created no
little ill-feeling amongst certain members of the Association,
who make it a point to express adverse criticism on whatever
work is done by him. However, it can be safely said that no
agitation of a serious nature exists among the Japanese community.

Early in 1934 when the Japanese rate-payers expressed
their opinions in favour of nominating three Japanese members
to the Municipal Council it is learned that Mr. Ishii asked
them to be satisfied with the present number of two, because if
such be the case the British Consul-General would support the
Japanese proposals relating to the outside roads question which
is under negotiation between the Municipal Council and the
Chinese Authorities. The compromise made on the part of the
Consul-General was again received with dissatisfaction by
certain members of the Japanese public.

Subsequent to the commencement of negotiations over
this question, the Northern Branch of the local Japanese
Amalgamated Association of Street Unions sent a delegation
to the local Japanese Consulate-General to submit a petition
requesting the Consul-General to act in conformity with the
wishes of the Japanese residents in the Northern District who

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would be directly affected by the negotiations. They also forwarded a plan of areas in the Northern District to be included in the so-called "Special District". It is learned that the original plan was rejected because it included vast areas extending as far as the Yangtze River course. A second plan was then submitted and, according to a report made by the Chairman of the Northern Branch of the local Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Vendors, there is a possibility of the Chinese Authorities accepting this proposal.

The Japanese residents are at present calmly but carefully watching the development of discussions over the outside roads question which are being held between the Municipal Council and the Chinese Authorities having confidence in Mr. Ishii who is expected to do his work to the satisfaction of the Japanese community.

Attest

D. S.

Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

Commissioner of Police

Sir,

Information.

J. H. Lewis

D. C. (Sp. Br.)

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Translation of extract from French Police Daily
Intelligence Report dated January 24, 1935.

Parag. 23. Agitation in the local Japanese community
(In continuation of our reports dated 15/1/35 -
Part 1, parag. 24, and 17/1/35 - Part 2, Parag. 34)

Agitation which is going on in the local Japanese community against Mr. ISHII, Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, who is accused with adopting a weak attitude towards the Chinese authorities and the S.M.C., seems to be developing.

The movement seems to be particularly popular among members of the Japanese Street Unions who fear that the Consul-General may yield too readily in the matter of outside roads. It is even reported that Mr. ISHII received recently a threatening letter to the effect that drastic steps would be taken against him should he not modify his policy.

According to information, which is difficult to verify, this movement of protest is to a certain degree supported and inspired by Lt.-Colonel KAGESA, Japanese Military Attache Adjoint in China, residing in Shanghai, who was appointed to this post in December last.

Remark of D.C. (Special Branch)

" S.E. For discreet inquiry and report. The matter is delicate and should be handled carefully."

D.S. Umemoto

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